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## TAKE STEPS TO OVERCOME METAL SHORTAGES

STEEL SHORTAGE FORCES PRODUCTION CUT-BACKS -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet,  
25 Sep 50

Berlin, 24 September -- The suspension of iron and steel shipments from Western Germany has forced the East German Ministry for Materials Supply to suspend all iron and steel production except that for reparations to the USSR and for agricultural and forestry purposes. This is stated in a confidential report from the Ministry. No further information given on the report.

REPORT SHORTAGE OF WIRE NETTING -- Berlin, Der Volksbetrieb, No 7/8, Apr 50

The people-owned Tuchfabrik am Haag (woolen mills) in Sachsen has devised a method for constructing wickerwork guards for weaving looms to overcome a shortage of wire netting normally used for this purpose.

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